

By Senator Ring

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 19, 2010, as "Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was established on December 1, 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by citizens who were concerned about the defense of America's coastline, and

WHEREAS, under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Air Forces, Civil Air Patrol pilots flew more than 500,000 hours and were credited with sinking two enemy submarines and rescuing hundreds of crash survivors during World War II, and

WHEREAS, President Harry Truman established the Civil Air Patrol as a federally chartered benevolent civilian corporation on July 1, 1946, and on May 26, 1948, the United States Congress passed Public Law 557, which permanently established the Civil Air Patrol as the auxiliary of the United States Air Force and charged the patrol with three primary missions: cadet programs, emergency services, and aerospace education, and

WHEREAS, in October 2000, Congress passed Public Law 106-398, which designated the Civil Air Patrol as a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force when its services are provided to any department or agency of the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's cadet program offers children and young adults from ages 12 to 21 training in the areas of leadership, ethics, decisionmaking, and physical fitness and endurance, as well as the opportunity to fly in military aircraft and compete for scholarships toward earning

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30 pilot's licenses, and

31 WHEREAS, the goal of the Civil Air Patrol's aerospace  
32 education program is to foster and cultivate student interest in  
33 aerospace through the promotion of aviation, technology,  
34 engineering, and aerospace studies in the classroom, and

35 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's emergency services program  
36 provides crucial services for United States citizens, such as  
37 inland search and rescue operations, reconnaissance for homeland  
38 security, and disaster relief and support to local, state, and  
39 national organizations, and

40 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is composed entirely of  
41 volunteer members from all walks of life, including medical and  
42 business professionals, law enforcement officers, clergy  
43 members, educators, and others, whose sole purpose is to serve  
44 the citizens of the United States and the State of Florida, and

45 WHEREAS, one of the largest and most active Wings in the  
46 Civil Air Patrol is the Florida Wing, with over 3,800 members,  
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48 WHEREAS, Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol has flown over  
49 7,145 hours over the past year in support of its task to serve  
50 the citizens of the State of Florida and has executed over 385  
51 missions in the state, including United States Air Force  
52 training missions, NOW, THEREFORE,

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54 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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56 That April 19, 2010, is recognized as "Florida Wing, Civil  
57 Air Patrol Day" in the State of Florida.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be

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59 presented to the Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol as a tangible  
60 token of the sentiments expressed herein.